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Manager's Message

I am excited to publish the first Township of Teaneck quarterly newsletter and it's my sincere hope you find it helpful and informative. The newsletter is a platform and opportunity for my office to communicate with residents and businesses on the many ways the Township of Teaneck works to improve your quality of life. Future newsletters will be published on the 1st day of each quarter and posted in digital format on the Township's website www.teanecknj.gov. The newsletter will also be distributed through blast email, NIXLE, and social media outlets.

I implore everyone to sign up for emergency alerts. Residents have several different platforms to sign up and receive email, text and/or telephone alerts about Township events, emergencies, and severe weather incidents.

To begin the sign-up process, go to the Township website at www.teanecknj.gov, click on "Sign Up for Township Alerts" on the left-hand side menu of the home page. You will be taken to a page with several alert options to sign up for. Select "Township Email Alerts:" to sign up to receive emails sent by Teaneck Township. Fill out the form and click "Sign Up For Township Newsletters" in the lower left corner.

Also on the Township alert sign-up page, there is a "Swiftreach 9-1-1" link where you can sign up for the Swiftreach Emergency Notifications by phone, email, and text message. Click the "Register Now" link and complete the form at the Swiftreach sign up. After completing the form, you will receive a 4-digit Confirmation Code via email or phone message. Upon receiving the confirmation code, enter it into the "Registration Verification" box and click "Complete Registration". You are now registered with Swiftreach to receive alerts through your landline telephone, cellular phone, and via text message. Save your username and password to the Swiftreach portal as you may edit your vital information at any time by logging in to the system by visiting <https://swiftreach.com> and then click on "Customer Login."

Lastly, to sign up for "Nixle" text message alerts from the Teaneck Police Department, click on the Nixle link and you will go to a page with a sample of recently sent message samples. Click the "Sign Up!" button in the lower left corner of this window.

Spring is just around the corner, and I know you are looking forward to warmer weather and more time outdoors. Some of the many new projects underway include the installation of new playground equipment in Terhune Park with a poured-in-place safety surface; complete renovation of the Votey Park basketball courts; a new state of the art band shell that will significantly improve our ability to host concerts, plays, movies and other related performances; a new pre-fab bathroom facility in Phelps Park; a new Public Safety Answering Point 911 Dispatch Center at our police department; the purchasing of new equipment for our police, fire, and public works departments; renovations to the Council Chambers; and, the resurfacing of 36 municipal streets.

These are just a few of the many exciting projects taking place around town.

Very shortly, the 2022 municipal budget will be introduced which preserves, and in some cases expands upon the excellent municipal services our residents deserve. A breakdown of your taxes at work will follow in the next newsletter.

If I can be of any assistance, or if you require further information, please feel free to contact me at (201) 837-1600.

Stay healthy stay well!



Mayor's Message

On behalf of the Township Council, we want to join our manager to say we too are excited to have this new method of communication with our residents. As you see here, this will serve as a way to explain how to access township services, along with highlighting activities around town, schedule of events and more. We hope that this will actually increase the ability of our residents to access township services and enjoy the events going on in town. This along with the upgrade to our website that is in process this year will enable residents to better access the information they need.



As the manager mentioned, it is important to have as many people as possible signed up for the quarterly newsletter and the other alerts the township puts out to keep people informed, safe and alert them to changes in town that they need to know. Please go to www.teanecknj.gov, click on “Signup for Township Alerts” where you will be able to select the alerts you wish to receive. Once there, to receive this newsletter, click on “Sign up for Teaneck Newsletter” in the lower left corner as the manager has described. Tell your friends!

The Council believes it is important that residents have easy as possible access to accurate information that will inform, warn, protect and enhance life in our community. Through this quarterly newsletter, an updated website, and greater use of technology to make access and working with the township easier, we hope you're living in and interaction with the township is positively impacted.

Thank you to our Township Manager Dean Kazinci and his staff for a job well done!

Best Regards,

Jim Dunleavy, PT DPT MS
Mayor

Spatial Data Logic (SDL)

Very shortly, the Township will publicly roll out our new management software from Spatial Data Logic. Some residents have already taken advantage of the system to secure permits and licenses through the portal. SDL is an online hub where residents and professionals can access information, check status updates, and submit requests 24/7 to include:

- Renew Pet Licenses
- Schedule Inspections
- Search Property Histories
- Submit Complaints
- Apply for Permits
- Submit OPRA Requests
- Access Town Data
- Viewing custom town map layers
- Searching your permit statuses
- Block Party Applications
- Special Event Applications

Teaneck, save time, go online! Visit the Citizen Portal login at sdl.town/teaneck to get started.

With the use of the Portal, there is no longer a need to travel to the municipal building, or make phone calls to department offices. Instead, you can find all of the resources you need online. Not only do you have access to town requests, applications and forms, but an easy to use step-by-step guide will help you through the process of filling out and submitting all paperwork.

The Portal syncs in real-time, which ensures you are getting the most up-to-date information available.

You can also access all the functionality of the Portal right from your phone, with the SDL Citizen app.

The SDL Citizen app has all the same functionality as the SDL Portal, but is configured to be easy to use from a phone or tablet. SDL Citizen is available for both iOS and Android devices and can be found in the Apple and Google Play stores.



NJ's Ban on Plastic Carryout Bags & Polystyrene Foam in Stores, Grocery Stores & Food Service Businesses

EFFECTIVE MAY 4, 2022

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO KNOW?

Starting May 4, 2022, New Jersey retail stores, grocery stores and food service businesses may not provide or sell single-use plastic carryout bags and polystyrene foam food service products. Single-use paper carryout bags are allowed to be provided or sold, except by grocery stores equal to or larger than 2500 square feet, which may only provide or sell reusable carryout bags. After November 4, 2021, plastic straws may be provided only upon the request of the customer.

WHAT IS A REUSABLE CARRYOUT BAG?

Under the law (P.L.2020 c.117), a reusable carryout bag is defined as one that:

1. is made of polypropylene fabric, PET non-woven fabric, nylon, cloth, hemp product, or other washable fabric, and
2. has stitched handles (either thread or ultrasonic), and
3. is designed and manufactured for at least 125 reuses.

WHERE CAN A BUSINESS PURCHASE PRODUCTS ALLOWED UNDER THE LAW?

Businesses may contact any distributor or manufacturer to obtain products that meet the requirements of the law. As a courtesy, the NJ Business Action Center's website features an online clearinghouse of wholesale vendors who provide reusable carryout bags and environmentally-sound alternative products. To access the vendor list or to register as a wholesale vendor, please go to business.nj.gov/bags/plastic-ban-law.

WHAT POLYSTYRENE FOAM FOOD SERVICE PRODUCTS ARE BANNED?

As of May 4, 2022, all polystyrene foam food service products are banned for use and sale. See page 2 of this flyer for a list of exemptions. For more information, please see nj.gov/dep/plastic-ban-law/#foam_products.

WHAT RETAIL AND FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS ARE AFFECTED BY THIS BAN?

For a list of businesses impacted and items banned please go to this link:

<https://nj.gov/dep/plastic-ban-law/docs/list-of-establishments-banned-items.pdf>

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NJBAC

New Jersey
Business
Action Center

For Information: business.nj.gov, live chat and 1-800-Jersey-7,
Mon.-Fri., 8am-5pm

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EXEMPTIONS TO THE BAN

See lists of exemptions below. The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has the ability to determine additional exemptions pursuant to rule, regulation, or guidance. For more information, please see the DEP's website at nj.gov/dep/plastic-ban-law.

WAIVERS FOR POLYSTYRENE FOAM FOOD SERVICE PRODUCTS

The DEP may, upon written application by a person or food service business, waive the provisions of the polystyrene foam food service product ban for the person or food service business for a period not to exceed one year, if:

- (1) there is no feasible and commercially available alternative for a specific polystyrene foam food service product; or
- (2) the person or food service business has less than \$500,000 in gross annual income and there is no reasonably affordable, commercially-available alternative to the polystyrene foam food service product.

For further information on obtaining a waiver, please see the DEP's website at NJ.gov/dep/plastic-ban-law/. The DEP may be contacted via email: singleuseplastics@dep.nj.gov or phone: +1(609)-984-4250.

EXEMPTIONS FROM PLASTIC AND PAPER CARRYOUT BAG AND PLASTIC STRAW BANS:

- Bags used to contain or wrap uncooked meat, fish or poultry.
- Bags used to package loose items.
- Bags used to contain live animals.
- Bags used to contain food sliced or prepared to order, including soup and hot food.
- Laundry, dry cleaning or garment bags.
- Bags provided by a pharmacy to carry prescriptions.
- Newspaper bags.
- Any similar bag, as determined by the Department (DEP) pursuant to rule, regulation, or guidance.
- Packages of single-use plastic straws and those pre-packaged with items like juice boxes may still be sold in stores.

WHO ENFORCES THE LAW?

The Department of Environmental Protection, municipalities, and any entity certified by the "County Environmental Health Act". 1-877-WARN-DEP.

EXEMPTIONS FROM THE BAN ON POLYSTYRENE FOAM FOOD SERVICE PRODUCTS (ALL EXPIRE MAY 4, 2024):

- Disposable, long-handled polystyrene foam soda spoons when required and used for thick drinks.
- Portion cups of 2 oz. or less, if used for hot foods or foods requiring lids.
- Meat and fish trays for raw or butchered meat, including poultry, or fish that is sold from a refrigerator or similar retail appliance.
- Any food product pre-packaged by the manufacturer with a polystyrene foam food service product.
- Any other polystyrene foam food service product as determined necessary by the DEP.

WHAT ARE THE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATING THE LAW?

Beginning May 4, 2022, any person or entity that violates the law shall be subject to:

- a warning for a first offense.
- up to \$1,000 per day for the second offense.
- up to \$5,000 per day for the third and subsequent violations.
- violations of a continuing nature constitute an additional, separate, and distinct offense for each day that is deemed a violation.

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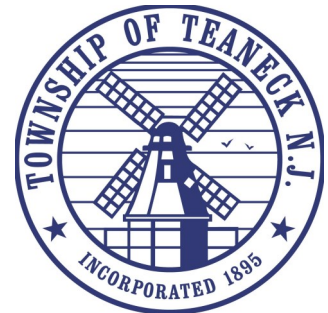
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Teaneck Stands With Ukraine!

On the evening of Thursday, March 3, Teaneck residents came together to show support for Ukraine in their time of crisis. The Township Council, Administration, as well as Congressman Josh Gottheimer, Senator Gordon Johnson, and Assemblywoman Ellen Park were in attendance as well.



Recreation Department

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The Recreation Department is located at the Richard Rodda Community Center at 250 Colonial Court in Teaneck. Our mission is to provide year-round leisure-time activities and quality recreation programming for residents, enhancing their quality of life and contributing positively to the "Teaneck Experience". To this end, the Department provides a wide range of programs for every age group spanning a multitude of various interests.

Upcoming Spring Activities, Events, & Dates:

Youth & Adult Programs Registration:

The Spring flyers and brochures for youth and adult programs are now available. Mail-in and drop-box registration began **Monday, March 21** for Teaneck residents only. Walk-in registration will begin on **Monday, April 4** for Teaneck residents only. Non-resident registration will begin on **Monday, April 11**. Youth & adult classes will begin the week of **April 18** for 8 weeks.

Senior Center Registration:

Registration for The Senior Center Spring Session is **ongoing** until all classes are full. The Senior Center Spring Session began **Monday, March 14** and runs through **Friday, June 17**.

Camp Registration:

Camp Sunsational is a State licensed full day summer camp for children 3-8 years old, divided into two phases, depending on age. The children enjoy special events, swimming, crafts, sports, science and music. Applications are available as of **March 30th** and registration begins on **April 6th**. Children must be 3 years old by October 1, 2021 and toilet trained, for Phase 1. Children must be entering Kindergarten thru Third grade in September 2022 for Phase 2. There will be 6 one-week sessions to choose from starting June 27-August 6 (closed July 4th).

Sports & Arts Camp will be held at Thomas Jefferson Middle School, Monday thru Friday, 9:00am-4:00pm (after-care is until 6:00pm) for a total of six weeks. Sports & Arts applications will be available on **Wednesday, March 30**. Mail-in and drop-box registration will begin **Wednesday, April 6** for Teaneck residents only. Walk-in registration will begin on **Monday, June 6** for Teaneck residents. Please see below for the following session dates:

Session 1: Monday, June 27 thru Friday, July 1

Session 2: Tuesday, July 5 thru Friday, July 8

Session 3: Monday, July 11 thru Friday, July 15

Session 4: Monday, July 18 thru Friday, July 22

Session 5: Monday, July 25 thru Friday, July 29

Session 6: Monday, August 1 thru Friday, August 5

Recreation Department (cont.)

Sunshine Garden Registration

Sunshine Garden Learning Center is a State licensed, full day Montessori based program. Curriculum consists of math, geography, life skills, reading, science, health, early Spanish and much more. For dedicated one-on-one learning, students are placed in small pods. Applications for the 22-23 school year will be **available March 30** and registration begins **April 6**. *Children must be 3 years old by October 1, 2022 to enroll.*

After School Child Care Program Registration:

After School Child Care Program, is a State licensed program for students entering kindergarten to Middle School. No child will be permitted to enroll in program if over age thirteen after the date of September 30, 2022. Hours are from school dismissal to 6:00 pm, this includes half days. Organized homework assistance, gym activities, crafts, board and card games and daily snack are provided. Registration will begin in **May (date to be announced)**.

Upcoming Summer Activities, Events, & Dates:

Youth & Adult Programs Registration

The Summer fliers and brochures for youth and adult programs will be available to the public on **Monday, May 23**. Mail-in and drop-box registration will begin on **Tuesday, May 31** for Teaneck residents only. Walk-in registration will begin on **Monday, June 13** for Teaneck residents only. Non-resident registration will begin on **Monday, June 20**. Summer Youth & Adult Program Classes will begin the week of **June 27** for 6 weeks.

Senior Center Registration

Registration for the Teaneck Senior Center Summer Session will be scheduled from **June 6 – June 17** by phone only and will be ongoing until all classes are full. The Teaneck Senior Center Summer Session tentatively begins July 5 and runs through August 19

Votee Pool & Badge Sales

Beginning the week of **June 6**, we will begin selling pool badges to the Teaneck residents for the Votee Pool. The Votee Pool is scheduled to open on **Saturday, June 18** until we close for the season on **Monday, September 5** (Labor Day). The hours of operation will be: Monday through Friday, 11:00am to 8:00pm and Saturdays & Sundays, 10:00am to 8:00pm. The fees are as follows: \$30 new adult residents, \$25 renewal adult residents, \$15 for new children, and \$10 for renewal children. *Guest passes will also be available for a fee of \$15 each.*

Recreation Department (cont.)

Splash Pad & Township Sprinkler Openings:

The Votee Park Splash Pad is scheduled to open on **Saturday, June 18** and remain open (weekends only) until the week of **June 20**. Beginning on **Monday, June 20**, the Splash Pad will be open 7 days a week until September. The Splash Pad will remain open (weather pending) on Saturdays and Sundays throughout the month of September. The hours of operation are 10:00am to 8:00pm daily. All dates are tentative, please check the website for more updated information.

The Township sprinklers will open to the public beginning **Monday, June 20** until **Friday, September 2**. The hours may vary from park to park but generally the sprinklers are open between the hours of 10:00am to 4:00pm or 12:00pm to 6:00pm. Please see separate flyer for details.

Free Transportation for Seniors & Disabled Residents

The Department offers free transportation for senior and disabled residents to medical appointments five days a week; we also provide grocery shopping on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Residents may call the Department to schedule medical appointments in Teaneck, Englewood, and Hackensack or to be added to the grocery shopping list. As the transportation service is very popular, residents are strongly encouraged to call at least two weeks in advance to schedule an appointment. Transportation is available for appointments beginning at 8:30 am and ending at 2:30 pm. To schedule an appointment or make a change for any reason, please notify the Transportation Coordinator immediately. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call (201) 837-7130 ext. 7040.

Did you know we offer Facility Rentals?

Permits to use the various fields and picnic areas may be obtained from the Recreation Department. The Center also has limited rooms and facilities available for rental seven days a week for organizations. An application and hold harmless agreement must be completed at least two weeks in advance of your request. To reserve any of our facilities please call the Department for more information. Permits are issued on an as-available basis and may require payment of a fee.

Teaneck Public Library

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Welcome Back!

The Teaneck Public Library lifted many restrictions as of Tuesday, March 1. Now, patrons can browse the collections, use our computers, or just sit and relax, without a time limit. Not only did we resume regular operations but also began to offer in-person programs. Masks are still required while inside the library.

New Services:

NJHealthConnect -Telehealth Program

Teaneck Public Library will be circulating 3 iPads preloaded with apps to help you attend telehealth appointments with your doctors and medical providers as well as apps stocked with reliable health information and resources in multiple languages. Please stay tuned for more information and visit teanecklibrary.org/njhealthconnect to learn more!

This project has been developed in partnership with the New Jersey State Library and the East Brunswick Public Library and aims to address the barrier of access to health information and services.

Northstar Digital Literacy

Want to test your computer skills and see how you can improve? Northstar Digital Literacy can help! Getting started is easy. Users can start learning by taking an assessment on the topic of their choice to see how they score. Once you complete an assessment you'll receive detailed feedback on the skills you've scored well on as well as the skills you need more practice with. From there, you'll have the opportunity to strengthen your skills through curated online learning resources and activities.

Northstar Digital Literacy can be accessed online at any time and resources are continuously available - no need to wait!

Northstar Digital Literacy is freely available to Teaneck Public Library patrons with support from the New Jersey State Library. To learn more please visit teanecklibrary.org/northstar-learning.

Digital Resource Highlight

LinkedIn Learning (Formerly Lynda.com)

What if you could learn photography, Photoshop, animation, web development, marketing, graphic design, and video production all in the same place? What if all the courses were taught by industry professionals and FREE to you? If that sounds too good to be true, it's not! It's all at LinkedIn (formerly Lynda.com) - an online learning site that hosts a constantly growing library of over 3,000 courses that include over 130,000 videos.

Courses cover a variety of topics (including business, design, web development and multimedia skills) and software (Microsoft Office, Adobe Creative Suite and open source applications) that can help you pursue personal and professional goals. It is FREE with your Teaneck library card.

To get started today, visit <https://teanecklibrary.org/lynda> or join the librarian for an in-person instruction on Thursdays, April 7 & May 19 at 11 am.

Teaneck Public Library (cont.)

Programs & Events

Here are some examples of programs the library offers in the spring. To see the full list of programs, please visit the library website, teanecklibrary.org.

Get Ready for Summer Reading!

Our annual Summer Reading program is for all ages - adults, teens, and children. The program will begin on Monday, June 13 with the **Kids' Kick-Off Party** at 6:30PM (Rain Date June 14). The first 50 children to complete the summer reading program will receive a Superstar Reader yard sign to display and celebrate their reading achievement. Stay tuned for more details.

Adult Programs

Teaneck eCitizen Program (Online)

We're getting ready to offer a self-paced version of our Teaneck eCitizen Program on Niche Academy! The Teaneck eCitizen aims to provide learners the opportunity to improve their digital and information literacy skills through a series of self-paced online resources developed by expert instructors.

Topics include:

- Evaluate information & identify misinformation
- Internet safety practices
- Understand the basics of copyright and intellectual property

These critical skills are valuable tools in our increasingly digital world and can enhance any job seeker's resume in a work environment that uses computers and/or the internet. Please stay tuned for more information on our website.

The Teaneck eCitizen Program is supported with funds provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services, administered by the New Jersey State Library, award number LS-250226-OLS-21.

“VICTORY” GARDEN with Bracco Farms (In-Person)

Friday, April 29 at 10:00 am

This program will talk about the following: Where our food comes from; Organic vs. conventional growing; Pesticide, herbicide, fungicide, etc. usage; Describe naturally grown and sustainable methods; Tools and implements used at the farm that can also be used in a backyard garden; How small farm growing methods can be adapted to a backyard garden; Building and preparing garden beds.

A Visit to Maine – with Mario Medici (In-Person)

Friday, May 6 at 10:00 am

Mario Medici, lecturer and amateur photographer, will take you on a photo journey to the beautiful coast of Maine. Along the way, you will visit quaint shops, climb tall mountains to marvel at the scenic views, and many other interesting sights along the way.

Teaneck Public Library (cont.)

Adult Book Discussion Group (Outdoor, weather permitting)

Monday, April 25 at 10:00 am: *The Known World* by Edward Jones

Monday, June 27 at 10:00 am: *Transit* by Rachel Cusk

The Cookbook Club (Zoom)

Monday, May 9 at 6:00 pm

The Cookbook Club discusses “Cooking More at Home” from 4 selected books: *Ultimate Veg – Easy & Delicious Meals for Everyone* by Jamie Oliver, *Modern Comfort Food* by Ina Garten, *Dessert Person – Recipes & Guidance for Baking with Confidence* by Claire Saffitz, *Everyone Can Bake – Simple Recipes to Master & Mix* by Dominique Ansel.

Bitcoin & Cryptocurrency 101 (Zoom)

Tuesday, May 24 at 7:00 pm

Lindsley Medlin will discuss: Bitcoin and why it is important; how Bitcoin and cryptocurrencies work; and how to get started with Bitcoin.

Teen Programs

Teen Volunteer Orientation (Zoom)

Thursdays, April 7, May 5, and June 2 at 4:00 pm

Come and join us! Teens can get involved in the Library and earn community service hours.

Graphic Novel Workshop (Zoom)

Thursday, May 5 at 4:00 pm

5th through 12th graders can meet with an illustrator and a graphic novel writer of comics including Scooby-Doo and Teen Titans to learn about graphic novel writing and illustration.

Teen Paint Night (Zoom)

Tuesday, May 5 at 7:00 pm, Grades 5-12

Join us for Teen Paint Night! Chat with friends as you get creative. Kits will be available beginning March 29. Registration is required - space is limited. Please visit teanecklibrary.org/teens to register.

Teen Hour of Code: Python (In-Person)

Monday, May 16 at 4:00 pm, Ages 12+

Learn the basics of Python. Python is fun to learn but is also a real programming language that powers websites and apps like Yelp and Twitter. Registration is required. Please visit teanecklibrary.org/teens to register.

Teaneck Public Library (cont.)

Children's Programs

Registration is required for all children's programs. Unless otherwise noted, all children's programs will be held outdoors in the Children's Reading Garden and in case of poor weather, moved inside.

Storytimes

Wild Things Storytime (In-Person)

Wednesdays, 4/6 - 5/25 at 4 PM

Connect with nature at our weekly storytime for ages 3-6. Each week we will be reading about and studying a different topic based on the Exploring Nature With Children curriculum.

Baby & Toddler Time (In-Person)

Tuesdays, 4/5 - 5/24 at 10:30am

Thursdays, 4/7 - 5/26 at 10:30 AM

Baby & Toddler Time is best for babies and toddlers up to age 3. We encourage literacy with stories and rhymes, songs, fingerplays, and movement activities. Participants may sign up for the Tuesday Storytime or the Thursday Storytime.

Hora de Cuentos*: Spanish Storytime (Facebook Live)

Mondays 4/4 - 4/25 at 6:30 PM

Los esperamos los lunes en Facebook en vivo a las 6:30 pm. Abril 4 a abril 25.

*Storytime is completely in Spanish.

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics)

Hour of Code: Dance Party (In-Person)

Thursday, April 14 at 4pm, Ages 8-12

Code a dance party! Join us for an Hour of Code where we'll have fun while learning basic programming. Beginners welcome. This program will be held in the library auditorium. Please visit teanecklibrary.org/kids to register.

3D Design & Print Workshop (In-Person)

Monday, May 9 at 4pm, Ages 8 and up

Learn to create and design with Tinkercad, then submit your design to be printed at Teaneck Library. This program will be held in the library auditorium. Please visit our teanecklibrary.org/kids to register.

Clubs

Kids Book Club (In-Person)

Mondays 4/25, 5/23, Grades 1-3

Join us as we read, discuss a book, and do an activity together.

Lego Club (In-Person)

Mondays 4/25, 5/16, & 6/6 at 7 PM **OR** Thursdays 4/21, 5/19, & 6/9 at 4 PM

Do you love to create with Legos? Each meeting children age 6+ meet to create and share their builds based on a theme. Participants may sign up for the Monday club or the Thursday club.

A YEAR OF HOLIDAYS

Easter Storytime & Craft (In-Person): Monday, April 11 at 4:00 pm

Eid al-Fitr Storytime & Craft (In-Person): Thursday, May 5 at 4:00 pm

Juneteenth Storytime & Craft (In-Person): Sunday, June 19 at 2:00 pm

Municipal Court

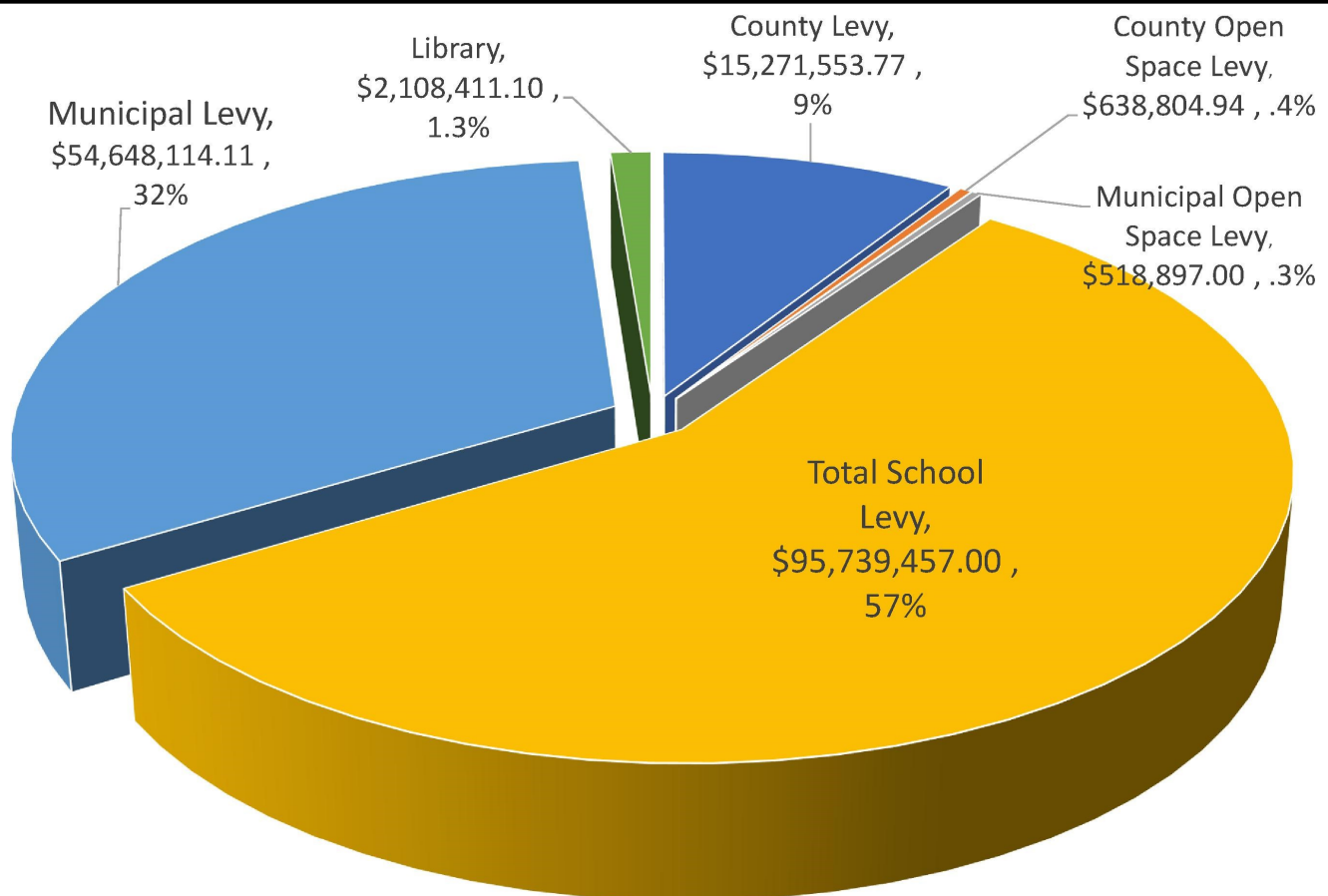
Craig Ferdinand
Court Administrator
court@teanecknj.gov

The Teaneck Municipal Court is now equipped to accept credit card payments. Credit cards can be used to pay most fines and fees, however, credit cards **cannot** be accepted when posting bail. Court sessions are conducted virtually in almost all cases. If you wish to appear in court for a traffic summons or other matter, or are required to appear, your court session will in almost all instances be virtually conducted; therefore, it is necessary to contact the court office to provide your telephone number and email address so the municipal court can forward you the appropriate links to enter the virtual court session. Contact the court office (201-837-1600 x1800) and staff will be happy to assist you and explain the process.

Online payment options for both traffic and criminal matters are also available utilizing NJMCDIRECT.COM

Do you need to contact the municipal court? You can email the court administrator at Court@teanecknj.gov with any questions or concerns.

2021 Municipal Tax Breakdown



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Health Department

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The Health Department is located at the Municipal Building at 818 Teaneck Road in Teaneck. Our mission is to provide it is the mission of the Teaneck Department of Health and Human Services to provide programs and services that foster a culture of health through disease prevention, health promotion, and health protection. These services protect the health, welfare, and safety of all the men, women, and children, who live, work or do business in the Township of Teaneck.

Upcoming Spring Activities, Events, & Dates:

Mayor's Wellness Program-Weight Loss Challenge-Spring 2022

In Collaboration with Holy Name

Registration for the 3rd Teaneck Weight Loss Challenge will launch this Spring, 2022.

Weekly Weigh In's (WINS) will be held at several locations in Teaneck.

For more information click on this link: <https://www.holyname.org/weightlosschallenge/>

Heads Up—Phone Down!

Spring is here! Days are longer perfect time for venturing outdoors. Being outdoors means that we have to be alert to our surroundings and that includes motor vehicles and walking! In fact, New Jersey has a disproportionate number of pedestrian injury crashes and fatalities compared to the nation.

There are tools that you can use on your phone that will “stop smartphone addiction.” One final note: walking with music in your ears can also be as distracting as looking down at your phone. Please be aware of your surroundings, follow traffic rules when walking, driving or riding your bicycle (helmets are the law through the age of 17). Please be safe and enjoy the great outdoors.

Resources: <https://wethegeek.com/google-digital-wellbeing-alternatives/>

Tick off those Ticks!

The most common tick-borne diseases in New Jersey are Lyme disease, ehrlichiosis, anaplasmosis, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, and babesiosis. The early signs and symptoms may include: skin rash, tiredness, fever, chills, headache, a stiff neck, muscle aches, joint pain, or dizziness. See your health care provider if you develop any of these symptoms after a tick bite. While most cases occur in the warmer months (May-August) tick-borne disease can be contracted at any time of the year.

Township Clerk

Doug Ruccione
Township Clerk
clerk@teanecknj.gov

- Accepting OPRAs on SDL software
- Parking Decals and Towing License Renewals: if you have not renewed, please contact the Clerk's Office
- Reminder to liquor license holders: Current licenses expire on June 30, 2022. Please stay on top of your renewal process.
- Townwide Garage Sale: Saturday, April 30 & Sunday May 1. Signups begin Monday, April 25. To Signup: <https://forms.gle/MxkYXuFUZ3PyBxHE8>

Building Department

Mark Bocchino
Construction Official
building@teanecknj.gov

The Building Department is responsible for the enforcement of the Uniform Construction Code, the Municipal Land Use Law and the Township's Zoning ordinances. We execute these duties through the review of development, land use and construction applications, by issuing permits and performing field inspections.

We use the Spatial Data Logic software system to coordinate these permits. We are excited to announce that the SDL Portal is now active. Residents and Contractors can utilize the Portal to file some Construction Permits, check on the status of permits and schedule inspections.

Use of the Portal will reduce trips to the Municipal Building and help expedite many of the matters handled at the Building Dept. You can even pay for your permits by credit card through the Portal.

To create a Portal Account, visit the Township Website or at this address: sdl.town/teaneck

Join us to congratulate our Construction Official/Plumbing Official Mark Bocchino has been selected as the 2022 New Jersey Plumbing Inspector of the Year. He follows our Plumbing Inspector Calvin King, who was chosen in 2017. Mark will be honored in May at the Annual Building Safety Conference in Atlantic City.

Fire Department

Jordan Zaretsky, Fire Chief
jzaretsky@teanecknj.gov
201-808-8080

BEFORE AN OUTAGE

- Check flashlights and battery-powered portable radios to ensure that they are working and that you have extra batteries. A radio is an important source of weather and emergency information during a storm. Inexpensive weather radios that broadcast automatically in the event of an alert can be purchased at various retailers.
- Make sure that your home is properly insulated. Caulk and install weather-stripping on doors and windows to keep cold air out.
- Install storm windows or cover windows with plastic from the inside to provide insulation. To prevent pipes from freezing, wrap them in insulation or layers of newspaper covered with plastic to keep out moisture.
- Let faucets drip a little to prevent freezing.
- Know the location of your water shutoff valves.
- In the event that the water supply may be affected, fill your bathtub and spare containers with water. Water in the bathtub should be used for sanitation only—pouring a pail of water from the tub directly into the toilet bowl will flush the toilet.
Set your refrigerator and freezer to their coldest settings. During an outage, do not open the fridge or freezer doors; food can stay cold in a full refrigerator or a half-full freezer for up to 24 hours. Full freezers can stay cold for up to 48 hours! Just remember to reset the fridge and freezer back to normal once power is restored.
- If you have medication that requires refrigeration, check with your pharmacist for guidance on proper storage during an extended outage.
- Review the process for manually bypassing an electric garage door opener.

DURING AN OUTAGE

- Contact PSE&G at 800-436-7734 or www.PSEG.com to advise them of an outage in your area.
- To view current outages in your area visit: www.outagecenter.PSEG.com
- Dress for the season, wearing several layers of loose-fitting, lightweight, warm clothing rather than one heavy layer of clothing. Outer garments should be tightly woven and water-repellent.
- Mittens are better than gloves.
- Wear a hat: most body heat is lost through the top of the head.
- Cover your mouth with a scarf to protect your lungs.
- Watch for signs of frostbite: loss of feeling and white or pale appearance in extremities such as fingers, toes, ear lobes, or the tip of the nose. If you see signs of frostbite, seek medical help immediately.
- Watch for signs of hypothermia: uncontrollable shivering, memory loss, disorientation, incoherence, slurred speech, drowsiness and apparent exhaustion. If symptoms are detected, get the victim to a warm location, remove any wet clothing, and warm the center of the body first. If the victim is conscious, give warm, non-alcoholic beverages. Seek medical help as soon as possible.
- In order to protect against possible voltage irregularities that can occur when power is restored, unplug all sensitive electronic equipment, including TVs, VCRs, stereos, microwave ovens, cordless telephones, computers, answering machines and garage door openers.

Fire Department (cont.)

AFTER AN OUTAGE

- Be extra cautious if you go outside to inspect for damage after a storm. Downed or hanging electrical wires can be hidden by snowdrifts, trees, or debris and may be live. Never attempt to touch or move downed lines, and keep children and pets away from them.
- Check in with and help your neighbors, especially the elderly and physically challenged.
- Stay indoors until downed power lines are secured.
- Do not touch anything power lines are touching such as tree branches or fences. Always assume a downed line is a live line. Call your utility company to report any outage-related problem.

Dangers of Carbon Monoxide

- What is carbon monoxide? Carbon monoxide, or CO, is an odorless, colorless, and toxic gas. Because it is impossible to see, taste, or smell, CO can kill even before you are aware it is in your home. At lower levels of exposure, CO causes mild effects that are often mistaken for flu symptoms, including headaches, dizziness, disorientation, nausea, and fatigue. The effects of CO exposure can vary greatly from person to person depending on age, overall health, and the concentration and length of exposure. Where does carbon monoxide come from?
- CO gas can come from several sources, such as gas-fired appliances, charcoal grills, wood-burning furnaces or fireplaces, and motor vehicles.
- Who is at risk? Everyone is at risk for CO poisoning, though medical experts believe that unborn babies, infants, children, senior citizens, and people with heart or lung problems are at the greatest risk.

Protect Yourself and Your Family

- Install at least one carbon monoxide alarm with an audible warning signal near the sleeping areas and outside individual bedrooms. Choose an alarm that is listed by UL (Underwriters Laboratories).
Carbon monoxide alarms measure levels of CO over time and are designed to sound an alarm before an average, healthy adult would experience symptoms. It is very possible that you may not be experiencing any symptoms when you hear the alarm, but that does not mean that CO is not present.
- Have a qualified professional check all fuel-burning appliances, furnaces, venting, and chimney systems at least once a year.
- Never use your range or oven to help heat your home.
- Never use a charcoal grill or hibachi inside your home or garage.
- Never use a generator inside or in close proximity to your home.
- Never keep a car running in a garage. Even if the garage doors are open, normal circulation will not provide enough fresh air to reliably prevent a dangerous buildup of CO.
- When purchasing an existing home, have a qualified technician evaluate the integrity of the heating and cooking systems, as well as the sealed spaces between the garage and house.
- Natural gas detectors are also available in case of a gas leak in your home. They can be purchased as a CO/Natural Gas detector.

Township of Teaneck

Township Manager
and the
Township Council
in coordination with the
Patriotic Observance
Advisory Board
Present



**Monday, May 30, 2022
11:00 AM**

Municipal Green
818 Teaneck Road
Teaneck, NJ 07666



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Independence Day Parade



**Monday, July 4, 2022
Assembly Time: 9:00 a.m.
Parade Start: ~9:30 a.m.**

Assembly: Queen Anne Road & Degraw Avenue
Route: North on Queen Anne Road
Destination: Richard Rodda Center



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Jamie Boyle

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Emily Smith

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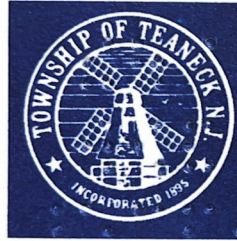
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